

## YOUNG FOLK ROMP AT BIG REUNION

T. D. C. C. Members Make  
Parents Sigh For Child-  
hood Days Again.

## MET AT JEFFERSON AND HAD GREAT TIME

Club's Enrollment Grows to 4,500  
in Your Years—Fine Pro-  
gram, the Musical Num-  
bers Bringing Forth  
Cheers from the  
Audience.

**B**OASTING a phenomenal growth of 4,500 members in only four years, the T. D. C. C. Children's Club held its quadrennial anniversary yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, where hundreds of children, in bright dress, eager-eyed and delighted, gathered for the occasion. Beneath the subdued light of the electric globes the scene was one of the most picturesque. Bright faces were the dominant note, brilliant colors intermingled in the soft light, and cheerful voices came and through the evening. The program, consisting of orchestral music, piano solos and humorous monologues, was one that children and grown people thoroughly enjoyed, and those taking part in the entertainment seemed to enjoy the occasion as thoroughly as the audience.

Miss Leahy, who gave humorous recitations, was a popular favorite, and she was repeatedly encouraged, the children apparently being unable to get enough. Miss Jane Cushman was also a prime favorite, and the splendid rendition of her selections brought forth rounds of applause. The orchestra played popular pieces that all could understand and appreciate; the children sang familiar airs with lusty lungs, and an old-time negro mammy, sitting in the rear, beamed in toothless smiles.

**Great Help to Young Folk.**  
The celebration was the fourth of its kind, and the immediate popularity it received is an earnest of frequent repetition, for the T. D. C. C. is now on so sound a footing as always to be a factor in sending sunshine into every home in the State, always to be of educational value and always to be capable of affording pleasure to those who have the opportunity of attending its reading room.

The club has members in every section of the State; it has members in far Missouri, and even the land of the heathen Chinese is represented by at least one little fellow who takes great interest in the organization. Attending the celebration yesterday were children from all over the city, from Manchester, with several visitors from other cities in the State. All were excited and happy, anxious to have the program begin and all were sorry when the orchestra reeled off the last number after the children had united in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. John Stewart Bryan opened the program with an address of welcome. He spoke of the wonderful nature of happiness that presented itself before him, and told the children that they were the happiest beings in the world. "It is not your clothes," he said, "nor the bright dresses and ribbons, or pink stockings and russet shoes you wear that make you happy. It is none of those things."

"You have the greatest factor for happiness in the world—youth, youth with all its imagination, its unlimited possibilities, its boundless hope and its ever recurring pleasures. The wisest man in the world cannot tell you there is nothing new under the sun, but for you children there is always something new; you find something new every day you live, and everything is beautiful. The sun is always golden; the sky is always blue. You have all the pleasures of imagination and imagination will remain with you as long as you are young."

"The four most important things in the world, I believe, are religion, hope, music and painting and drawing. Our club is good and useful because it has helped your imagination. It has afforded you opportunities to read the best in literature; it has helped you in your play; it has given you lessons in drawing; and so, if you remember all these things and keep alive always the powers of your imagination, life for you will be always fresh."

**Charmed With Monologue.**

In her monologue, "The Marriage of the Flowers," Miss Leahy, who followed Mr. Bryan, was greeted with enthusiastic applause. "Twice she was encouraged, and so loudly that nothing was to be done but that she must return and gratify her delighted audience. Other recitations, one in negro dialect, were also liberally applauded, and she was forced several times to return to the encore. Then the children united in the singing of "Dixie," with which all were familiar, and which rang out with the fervor that it has always inspired.

Miss Jane Cushman, young in years but an experienced pianist, was particularly pleasing in her efforts, proving herself to be of fine musical ability. She was frequently applauded and encouraged. The orchestra was at all times correct. All those participating in the program did so without reward other than the pleasure of entertaining the children, and in the grateful appreciation of their audience they seemed to find recompense enough.

Mr. Phillips, The Times-Dispatch artist, gave several exhibitions of free-hand drawing, bringing forth loud acclamations as he rapidly sketched the lineaments of well-known characters, such as George Washington, Robert E. Lee, President Roosevelt and William H. Tatt, with true portrayal of every line.

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## THREE KILLED BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Trio of Charlottesville Boys  
Meet Death In Severe  
Storm.

## PULL DOWN A LIMB; KNOCKED TO GROUND

Fourth Lad, Though Stunned,  
Calls to Brother, and Latter  
Springs to His Feet and Re-  
sponds All Right, but  
Drops Back  
Dead.

**C**HARLOTTESVILLE, Va., June 24.—Three boys—Lindsay Blue, aged fourteen, son of John L. Blue, an auctioneer; Robert Shead, aged twelve, son of Robert L. Shead, a machinist, and Ralph Bethel, aged eleven, son of Mrs. Sallie Bethel, a widow—were killed by lightning this afternoon during the most terrific storm of the season. Another, Ivy Blue, aged ten, was stunned by the same bolt.

The youths, on their return home from a small creek, one mile south of the city, where they had been bathing, stopped under a big chestnut tree. Two of them pulled down a limb of the tree to examine a bird's nest. The bolt knocked the quartet to the ground. Ivy Blue jumped to his feet and called to his brother to come on and go home.

"All right," responded Lindsay, who jumped to his feet, took one step, and fell back dead.

As soon as the storm was over the bodies of the dead youths were brought to their respective homes in this city, all within the same square. Relatives and friends thought they detected some signs of life in Robert Shead and worked over his body for an hour, in fact until the arrival of a physician, who told them that death was instantaneous. An examination of the body of young Blue showed a zig-zag bruise down his right side.

**Young Lady Eye-Witness.**  
The first news of the dreadful calamity was brought to the city by Miss Reva Payne, of "Orange Dale," who was an eye-witness. Seated upon the porch at her sister's residence close by, she saw the bolt strike the tree. She ran at once to the scene, and after pulling the bodies from under the tree went on to the city and notified the parents of the unfortunate youths.

In the meanwhile the bodies were removed to the home of Mr. George Goodyear, and after the storm had spent its force were conveyed on stretchers to their respective homes.

The news of the sad happening soon spread all over the city, and despite the approach of another storm crowds visited the homes in which death had come so suddenly.

**Brother Describes Scene.**

Especially pathetic was the scene at the residence of Mr. John Blue, on Grove Street. Ivy and Frank Blue, two little brothers of the dead member of the household, could not be quieted. They were among the party that went on the bathing expedition. The boys were removed to the home of Mr. George Goodyear, and after the storm had spent its force were conveyed on stretchers to their respective homes.

The Shead family reside on Ninth Street, while the widow Bethel's home is on King Street.

**FARMER KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS;  
JUDGE HARRISON'S HOUSE STRUCK**

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**WINCHESTER, Va., June 24.**—During a terrific electric storm this afternoon, the residence of Circuit Judge T. W. Harrison, in the West End, was struck by lightning and a telephone torn from the wall and hurled across the room, barely missing a member of the family. The damage was slight. C. A. Newcomb was knocked unconscious in the harvest field, and considerable damage was done to fruit and wheat.

## GEORGIA SOLONS GATHER

Governor Smith on Prohibition and State  
Supervision of Railroads.

**ATLANTA, GA., June 24.**—The State Legislature gathered for its annual session. Senator James T. Flint, of Griffin, was elected president of the Senate to succeed the late Senator John W. Alden. After listening to Governor Smith's message, both houses adjourned until tomorrow.

Referring to the work of the railroad commission, the Governor concludes as follows: "Permit me again to call your attention to the fact that, unless the States perform their part of the task of supervision and regulation over corporations, the national government will absorb the entire power and centralization will follow as a matter of course."

Governor Smith urges honest elections and recommends the passage of legislation which will make it a crime to pay the taxes of men that they may be eligible for office. He also calls for the Federal liability act.

## NO INDICTMENT YET

Grand Jury in Mecklenburg Bank Cases  
Advanced for Additional Witnesses.

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**BOYDTON, VA., June 24.**—The special grand jury summoned in the bank cases were here in their seats today ready to proceed with their work, but at the request of Major George T. Rison, the special prosecutor, the matter was adjourned until 9 A. M. tomorrow. Major Rison stated to the court that he had not been able to complete the indictments, owing to his inability to secure the evidence of a witness who was absent from the county, but would be here to-night, and that he would be ready at the hour appointed by the court. Quite a large delegation of the citizens of the county were here today.

## FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES DEAD



GROVER CLEVELAND.

## ADOPTED DAUGHTER SUES FOR PROPERTY

Virginia Millionaire Living in  
Paris Left Large Estate to  
French Woman.

## ROMANTIC STORY REVEALED

Suit Filed in New York Court  
to Break the  
Will.

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**PARIS, June 24.**—The death in May of Benjamin Hart, an American millionaire, who had resided in Paris almost continuously for the past twenty years, has uncovered a romance which promises to have a court sequel in a suit brought by the adopted daughter of the late Mr. Hart, Guillemine, in his will. Hart was a Virginian by birth, but he lived in New York for many years and amassed a large fortune during the Civil War. He was married while he lived in America, but later was divorced. As there were no children by the union, Mr. Hart, during one of his visits to Paris, became interested in a pretty three-year-old child, Isabel Lucchesi, and arranged with the parents to adopt her. The little girl was tenderly reared by Hart after the divorce from his wife, and every care was bestowed upon her education and training. In 1892, when Isabel was seventeen years of age, Hart formally adopted her in New York under the laws of that State. At this time he was constructing a magnificent residence in the Rue Galilee, and moved into the highest American and foreign French diplomat, Jean Guillemin, in his will. Hart was a Virginian by birth, but he lived in New York for many years and amassed a large fortune during the Civil War. He was married while he lived in America, but later was divorced. As there were no children by the union, Mr. Hart, during one of his visits to Paris, became interested in a pretty three-year-old child, Isabel Lucchesi, and arranged with the parents to adopt her. The little girl was tenderly reared by Hart after the divorce from his wife, and every care was bestowed upon her education and training. In 1892, when Isabel was seventeen years of age, Hart formally adopted her in New York under the laws of that State. At this time he was constructing a magnificent residence in the Rue Galilee, and moved into the highest American and foreign French diplomat, Jean Guillemin, in his will. Hart was a Virginian by birth, but he lived in New York for many years and amassed a large fortune during the Civil War. He was married while he lived in America, but later was divorced. As there were no children by the union, Mr. Hart, during one of his visits to Paris, became interested in a pretty three-year-old child, Isabel Lucchesi, and arranged with the parents to adopt her. The little girl was tenderly reared by Hart after the divorce from his wife, and every care was bestowed upon her education and training. In 1892, when Isabel was seventeen years of age, Hart formally adopted her in New York under the laws of that State. At this time he was constructing a magnificent residence in the Rue Galilee, and moved into the highest American and foreign French diplomat, Jean Guillemin, in his will.

Moved to Paris.

After the residence in the Rue Galilee was completed, and Isabel was furnished for occupancy Hart formed a marriage with a Madame De Bie, and installed her as the mistress of the house. Naturally his friends were shocked, and began to drop him. It is charged that Madame De Bie conceived a violent hatred for the daughter, and later refused to recognize her position in the Hart household. At any rate when Mr. Hart died it was found that he had left a will appointing Madame De Bie as executrix, and bequeathing all his property, which amounts to several millions of dollars in personal property in America, to Madame De Bie. Madame Guillemin has instructed her lawyer, Donald Harper, to bring suit to break the will on the ground of undue influence. The document will also be contested as it was drafted in accordance with the new York law, whereas it is claimed Hart was domiciled in France. Mr. Hart's will will come up for probate before the surrogate of New York on July 30th.

**DOES NOT DESIRE**

**THE SECOND PLACE**  
**OTTAWA, KANS., June 24.**—Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, in an interview here today, declared himself not a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination, but said his name would be presented to the national convention for the presidential nomination.

## FIGHTING IN TEHRAN

Foreigners Take Refuge at the British  
Legation—Firing on Town.

**BERLIN, June 24.**—The Tagesspiegel publishes a dispatch from Teheran, saying that the firing of small arms and artillery was still going on today. The buildings of Parliament were quite demolished by the bombardment of yesterday. Corpses of men and bodies of horses cover the main square of Teheran. It is impossible to give the exact number of casualties, but the Cossacks alone lost seventy men. The palace of Prince Zill-Es-Sultan, an uncle of the Shah, and the building adjacent to it have been pillaged. According to news from the province of Zill-Es-Sultan, who is friendly to Great Britain, has taken up the leadership of the movement in the South.

The diplomatic corps announce that a state of siege has been proclaimed. The situation is serious, for, although the people here have respected Europeans, it is feared lives of foreigners will not be safe for long. Doubtless further bombardments will occur soon. Many refugees have fled to the British legation, and the Shah, it is stated, is indignant that the right of asylum has been accorded them there. The Cossacks guard the entrances to this legation.

## SOLD IN NEW YORK AND SENT ON TO LONDON

**NEW YORK, June 24.**—The first bale of new cotton crop was sold at auction at the New York Cotton Exchange today. It was strictly good middling in grade and brought 35 cents per pound. This bale arrived at Houston, Tex., on the morning of June 20th and was sold at auction there at 54 cents per pound. It was immediately expressed to this city, and following the sale this morning, was hurried on board the Mauretania, sailing at noon for Liverpool, where it will again be sold at auction, according to the usual custom. This is said to be a record for rapid handling of the first bale, which has traveled from Houston, Tex., to New York, and will probably be held in Liverpool within a period of ten days.

## WIFE ARRIVED TOO LATE

Rode Fast, But Husband Had Killed  
Himself.

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**MARTINSVILLE, VA., June 24.**—F. M. Hundley, aged about forty years, shot himself through the head here at noon today, dying at 2 P. M. He took leave of his wife and family at 11 A. M. and was expected to arrive in Liverpool within a period of ten days. He was a native of this city and had been employed in the livery stable of his cousin here for several months. His family lived at 1215 North Main Street. Before leaving home this morning he wrote a note to his wife announcing his intention to kill himself. She rode post to stop him, but arrived too late. Mrs. Hundley is prostrated by her husband's rash act.

No cause is known for the deed except temporary insanity. Deceased was a son of Henry D. Hundley, Esq., of Irish birth, this county. He leaves behind him a wife and four small children, and also a large family connection in this and Franklin county.

## WEATHER.

Fair and Cooler.

## KITCHIN IN LEAD, BUT NEEDS VOTES

First Ballot Indicates Deadlock,  
and No Nomination During  
the Night.

## BEGIN VOTING AT MIDNIGHT

Recess in Afternoon Out of Re-  
spect to Cleveland's  
Memory.

**RALEIGH, N. C., June 25.**—A special to the News and Observer at 1 A. M. gives the first ballot in the Democratic convention as follows: Kitchen, 376; Craig, 333; Horne, 147, and says it looks like a deadlock, and no nomination until the day session.

**CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 24.**—At midnight, though the State Democratic Convention has been in session twelve hours, the real fight, which is on the nomination of a gubernatorial candidate, had not come.

The convention was called to order at noon by State Chairman Hugh G. Chatham. Former Governor Thomas J. Jarvis was made temporary chairman. Upon taking his seat, Chairman Jarvis announced officially to the convention the death of former President Grover Cleveland, and upon motion the convention, after adopting, with bowed heads, touching resolutions upon the death of Mr. Cleveland, took an immediate adjournment until 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Upon reassembling, W. P. Parsons, of Richmond county, was named permanent chairman, and the nomination of gubernatorial candidates was begun. C. W. Tillet, of Charlotte, placed in nomination Congressman W. W. Kitchen; former Governor C. B. Aycock, nominated Locke Craig, and Thomas W. Blckett, of Louisville, nominated Colonel Ashley Horne.

It was midnight before the nominating speeches were closed and the balloting began.

## WED IN ROYAL CASTLE

Miss Elkins and Duke of Abruzzi to  
Marry in October.

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**TURIN, June 24.**—From a trustworthy source it is learned that the Duke of the Duke of the Abruzzi, with Miss Katherine Elkins, will take place at the royal castle of Racconigi, four miles from here, in the month of October next, with the attendance of all the members of the house of Savoy. In fact, it is stated that arrangements for the wedding have already been inaugurated. Miss Elkins is expected in this country within a month.

**FARMER KICKED ON  
LEG BY A HORSE**

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
**WOODSTOCK, VA., June 24.**—Charles Bowers, a farmer living several miles east of here, was kicked on the leg by a horse and suffered a compound fracture of the bone this morning.

## Grover Cleveland, Twice President, Dies at Princeton

Heart Failure, Superinduced by Intense Heat,  
Brings to Sudden End Illustrious Career  
of America's Foremost Citizen.

## WILL BE BURIED ON FRIDAY; FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE SIMPLE

In Accordance With Wishes of the Deceased and of His  
Wife, There Will Be the Least Display Possible.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt to Attend.  
Noted Men Pay High Tributes.

## W. J. Bryan's Estimate of Cleveland.

**LINCOLN, NEB., June 24.**—The following tribute to former President Grover Cleveland was written to-night by William J. Bryan, and will appear in next week's issue of his paper:

"The death of ex-President Grover Cleveland brings to a sudden end the phenomenal career of one of the strongest characters known to the political world during the present generation. Like every commanding figure, he had zealous supporters and earnest opponents, but those who differed from him were as ready as his warmest friends to concede to him the possession of elements of leadership to an extraordinary degree. He was deliberate in action, firm in conviction and ever ready to accept responsibility for what he did. Few men have exerted a more positive influence upon those associated with them. We are not far enough from the period in which his work was done to measure accurately his place in history, but the qualities which made him great and a part of the nation's heritage and universal sorrow is felt at his death."

**PRINCETON, N. J., June 24.**—Grover Cleveland, twice President of the United States, died at 8:40 o'clock this morning at his home, "Westland," in this quiet college town, where he had lived since his retirement as the nation's chief executive, almost twelve years ago. When death came, he was in the death chamber on the second floor of the Cleveland residence, Mrs. Cleveland, Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, of New York, Mr. Cleveland's family physician and a personal friend, Dr. George R. Lockwood, also of New York, and Dr. John M. Carnochan, of Princeton.

An official statement given out and signed by the three physicians gave heart trouble, superinduced by stomach and kidney ailments of long standing as the cause of death. While Mr. Cleveland had been in poor health for the last two years and had lost 100 pounds in weight, his death came unexpectedly. Some three weeks ago he was brought home from Lakewood, where his condition for a time was such that the hotel at which he was staying was kept open after its regular season, because he was too ill to be moved. But when Mr. Cleveland was brought back to Princeton he showed signs of improvement and gained 150 pounds in weight.

**Death Probably Hastened by Heat.**  
Although confined to his room continuously after his return to Princeton, it was not until yesterday that Mr. Cleveland's condition aroused uneasiness on the part of Mrs. Cleveland. Undoubtedly affected by the heat, Mr. Cleveland showed signs of failure, and Mrs. Cleveland telephoned to Dr. Bryant, who arrived here from New York at 4:24 P. M. Dr. Lockwood followed Dr. Bryant from New York, and when they reached here, Dr. Carnochan, Mr. Cleveland's local physician, was also called in.

During the evening Mr. Cleveland seemed to rally, and Mrs. Cleveland felt assured that it was merely another of the many attacks Mr. Cleveland had suffered. Mr. Cleveland became worse during the night, and Mrs. Cleveland was called to the bedside of her husband. The distinguished patient sank into unconsciousness, from which he recovered at times only to suffer a relapse. This continued throughout the night and early morning. The last time he became unconscious was about two hours before he died. Death was peaceful, before he died Mr. Cleveland sought to say something, but his words were inaudible.

**Doctor's Statement as to His Death.**  
The text of the official statement given out after Mr. Cleveland's death was as follows:

"Mr. Cleveland for many years had suffered from repeated attacks of gastric intestinal origin. Also he had a long standing organic disease of the heart and kidneys. Heart failure, complicated with pulmonary thrombosis and oedema were the immediate cause of his death."

Some two or three hours later Dr. Bryant, in answer to a question said: "The heart failure, which occasioned death, was induced within twenty-four hours of the end of the long illness, and was probably due to the heat, corroborating the unofficial information that Mr. Cleveland began to grow worse yesterday afternoon."

**Shock to the People of Princeton.**

The news of Mr. Cleveland's death came as a sudden shock to the people of Princeton, as it did to the people of the rest of the world. As the news spread about the university flags were placed at half mast, and everybody expressed regrets and extolled Mr. Cleveland's virtues.

Many of the intimate friends of the family and many others called at the Cleveland home, where they were able to see Mrs. Cleveland. The visitors, newspapermen, photographers and others became so numerous that the authorities placed a policeman on duty at the Cleveland home and no one but intimate friends and those in charge of the funeral arrangements was permitted to approach the house.

The Cleveland residence stands in a beautiful spot at Bayard Lane and Hodge Avenue, on the southwest corner of Princeton. The house, a comfortable looking two-and-a-half-story structure of Colonial architecture, is well back from the two thoroughfares. It is painted white and almost hidden by stately pine trees. Here it was Mr. Cleveland's want to roam and enjoy the life of retirement.

**Simple Funeral on Friday.**

It was not until late in the day that messages of condolence began to come in from all parts of the world to Mrs. Cleveland. One of the first was from President Roosevelt, who will attend the funeral, which will be held on Friday afternoon, and which, in deference to Mrs. Cleveland's wishes, will be as private as possible.

Mr. Cleveland's body will be buried in Princeton Cemetery, in the family plot, where lie the remains of Ruth, the eldest of the Cleveland children. Mrs. Cleveland desired herself to be buried in the final arrangements. Others who came to Princeton were Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of which Mr. Cleveland was a trustee, and Richard Watson Glider, of New York.

Among those who came to extend personally their sympathy was Cleveland F. Bacon, of New York, the son of Mr. Cleveland's sister, Mrs. M. B. Bacon, of Toledo, Ohio. He is assisting Mrs. Cleveland in the final arrangements. Others who came to Princeton were Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of which Mr. Cleveland was a trustee, and Richard Watson Glider, of New York.

Another caller was Colonel Frederick Gilkerson, assistant adjutant-general of the National Guard of New Jersey, who came as the personal representative of Governor Fort, tendering the services of all or any part of the national guard of the State as an escort for the funeral. The tender was declined, because of Mrs. Cleveland's preference for a quiet funeral.

So unexpectedly did Mr. Cleveland's death occur that not one of four children were at home. The children are at the Cleveland summer home at Tamworth, N. H., under the care of Mrs. Ferrine, Mrs. Cleveland's mother. Word was sent to them of their father's death, and they will start at once for Princeton. The children are Esther, aged fourteen; Marion, aged twelve; Richard, aged ten, and Francis Grover, aged five.

**Conspicuous Figure in Princeton.**  
Ever since Mr. Cleveland's arrival in Princeton, eleven years ago, he had been a conspicuous figure in Princeton. Although his only official connection with Princeton University was his lectureship, known as the Stafford Little lectureship in public affairs, and his membership in the board of trustees, he was regarded as a strong friend of the institution.

As a member of the board of trustees, his counsel and astuteness were invaluable. The last trustees' meeting which he attended was October 17th. He walked from a carriage to the trustees' room leaning on a heavy cane. This was an important meeting of the board, and Mr. Cleveland took a prominent part in the discussion concerning certain proposed changes in the university social system.

Mr. Cleveland was heartily interested in the welfare of the university, and a story is told that he induced Andrew Carnegie to present Carnegie's Lake to Princeton.

Grover Cleveland was well liked among students and faculty. His last public appearance in the university was in giving a public lecture about two years ago. On the last Friday of the college year it had been the custom of the freshman class, on becoming sophomores, to serenade him at his home.

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